Setting up of oil refineries

576. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY-: SHRI MOTURU HANUMA-NTHA RAO :

Will the Minister of PETRO-LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have de-cided to set up shree more oil refineries in the country and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the location and estimated production capacity of each ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETRO-LEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) The Government have decided to set up a new grass root refinery each at Karnal, Mangalore and in Assam with initial capacity of 6 MTPA, 3 MTPA and 2 MTPA respectively.

Setting up of gas-liased power station in Andhra Pradesh

577. SHRI MOTURU HANU-MANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are con-templating to set up gas-based power stations in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if So, where these are to be located and what will be their capacities; and

(c)" whether these 'power stations would; be under public sector or joint sector ? '

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PO-WER IN THE MINISTRY-OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to *(c)* Approval has been accorded in May, *1989* to a proposal of the Andhra Pradesh State Electri-city Board (APSEB) for the setting up of a 3x33 MW gas turbine power plant at Vijjeswaram. As per the APSEB, this project will be estab-lished as a captive generating plant by the A.P. Gas Power Corporation Limited, a company floated by the APSEB in association with some of the industries located in the State. There is also a proposal to set up a gas based power project of about 400 MW/,800 MW capacity (depen-ding upon the availability of gas) under Stage-I at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh by, the National Thermal Power Corporation in the Central Sector.

Production of petrol from natural gas

578. *DR. G.* VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of PET-ROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) .whether it is **a** fact that scientists from Madras have claimed to have discovered a new method of converting natural gas, LPG and refinery waste gas into petrol and

(b) if so, whether Government would take up a scheme for pro-duction of petrol from natural gas on an industrial scale ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETRO-LEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) Are-port to this effect has been published in a newspaper. However, no details are available.

(b) It is proposed to set up a pilot plant at BPCL Refinery, Bom-bay jointly by National Chemical Laboratory, BPCL and Davy Power gas India Pvt.-'Ltd. for the conversion of natural gas-"into kerosene and dieseft